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SUBJECT: WAIVER OF PORT CHARGES FOR TEXMACH AND PRINT-
PACK '75

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1. NOT CLEAR WHAT WAIVER OR WAIVERS HAVE BEEN GRANTED. OUR
CONCERN ALL ALONG HAS BEEN TO OBTAIN WAIVER OF AT LEAST
MERCHANT MARINE RENEWAL PAX AND PORT IMPROVEMENT TAX FOR
TEXMACH AND PRINT-PACK '75 AS THESE CAN BE COSTLY FOR EX-
HIBITORS. AMCONGEN RIO UNDERTOOK TO REQUEST WAIVER OF BOTH
ITEMS FOR TEXMACH IN RIO DE JANEIRO 3327 DATED SEPT 4.
SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES, USDOC 16960, SAO PAULO 2528 AND BRASILIA
8738 REFERRED TO QUOTE FEES AND TAXES UNQUOTE. STATE 275248
AGAIN STATED THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT SHIPPING INFO RE-
QUESTED IN BRASILIA 8738 AND 9251 WAS FOR QUOTE PURPOSE OF
OBTAINING WAIVERS ON MERCHANT MARINE RENEWAL TAX, PORT
IMPROVEMENT TAX AND OTHER FEES AND TAXES IMPOSED ON EXHIBIT
ITEMS UNQUOTE. SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES, SAO PAULO 2754 AND
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BRASILIA 9412 CONTINUED TO REFER TO QUOTE TAXES AND FEES UNQUOTE

BUT SUBSEQUENT CABLE TRAFFIC REFERRED ONLY TO TEXMACH WAIVER.

2. IF WAIVER GRANTED BY GOB IN REFTEL DOES NOT APPLY TO MERCHANCE MARINE RENEWAL TAX OR PORT IMPROVEMENT TAX, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT BENEFIT USG HAS GAINED. WHAT ARE QUOTE DUTIES UNQUOTE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL? OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT EXHIBITS CONSIGNED TO BONDED WAREHOUSE ARE EXEMPT FROM ANY DUTIES.

3. NYSO OBTAINED A LETTER FROM SUNAMAN, NEW YORK ON DEC 17 WAIVING REQUIREMENT THAT 50 PER CENT OF TEXMACH EXHIBITS BE SHIPPED IN BRAZILIAN BOTTOMS (USDOC 18667). ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WAIVER OF QUOTE DUTIES UNQUOTE GRANTED BY GOB ON TEXMACH SHIPMENTS AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL?

4. REQUEST POSTS CLARIFY STATUS OF REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF PORT FEES AND TAXES FOR 1) TEXMACH AND 2) PRINT-PACK, AND ESTIMATE PROBABILITY LEVEL THAT THESE WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AND LIKELY TIME-FRAME INVOLVED SO THAT EXHIBITORS CAN BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY. KISSINGER

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